2015 REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

I am pleased to submit this review of the Town Council's deliberations and action items for 2015.

In dealing with the required financial obligations we implemented the following for Fiscal Year 2015. We reviewed and established a town operating budget of \$82 million, approved FY16 Capital Improvement Plan of \$4.5 million, established Water and Sewer rates, approved the Community Preservation Committees recommendation for FY 2016 expenditures of Community Preservation Act funds, and we approved local property tax rates for residential and commercial property owners.

Other items this year included the approval of a solar energy agreement that will save 12% on future energy spending. The sale of Devine School was planned and put out for bid. We will review qualified proposals and make a decision in early 2016. We voted to present our commitment to a Single Water Treatment plant to the Tri-town board and chose to not endorse the option for using the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority as our source of water.

Working together with the School Department, we continued our joint meetings maintaining our discussions on leading our schools to a higher level of achievement and support the work done by the school committee.

We continued our work of managing certain licensing functions. We considered and chose to present a ballot question to allow the voters to select whether to establish a town licensing board to handle all licenses or to have the Council be responsible to act as the licensing board.

We worked on major capital projects throughout the year. These include the replacement of the North Randolph Fire Station, the expansion and modernization of our Police Station, the renovation of the Turner Free Library, and the building of an Intergenerational Community Center. We voted to proceed with the first three and have gone out to bid. The Community Center is scheduled to come before the Council for a funding decision early in 2016.

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